

Duxbury Clipper May 15, 1996

Alden House Duxbury Days A Success



Maureen Shores gives a tour of the John Alden House (1653) during Duxbury Days.

On May 11 and 12, over 100 Duxbury residents visited the John Alden House free of charge. Many of the visitors had never been to the museum before and vowed to return with future guests. Interpreters, Maureen Shores, Alex Farrington, Jessica Bell, and Lucy Grinnell, were kept busy presenting 17 tours one day and 10 the next. Director Ellen Hagney said, "This year's Duxbury Days was the most busy ever. We topped last year's record of 72 visitors on Saturday alone." Ellen continued, "Duxbury Days are important to The Alden Kindred of America..." owners of the John Alden House, "...it's a way for us to thank the community for the support Duxbury residents give us throughout the year." Many Duxbury based organizations offer support to the museum. The Duxbury Garden Club supplies the antique flower arrangements seen in the house. Other Duxbury groups and clubs offer performances, exhibits, etc. at Autumn festival, held in October. The *Duxbury Clipper* publicizes events held at the museum, and the list goes on. Any visitor, who missed Duxbury Days, may visit the John Alden House weekends through June 22, 10 am to 5 pm. The museum will then open Tuesday through Sunday 10 to 5. Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children under 12.

The John Alden House Museum is at 105 Alden St. It is worth a visit by any new or old Duxbury resident. Last year the Museum reorganized its tours. Interpreters now offer guests a specialized look at how the Alden family, in Duxbury, helped shape town history. This year interpreters tours will range from the Alden family's effect on American history, to how superstitions played a role in the lives of the Aldens. For more information about the museum call 934-9092.